

Original Poetry.

FOR THE LEDGER.
The Christian's Lament.

BY LUCIUS.

The following lines were suggested by hearing a little boy repeat after his mother, those pathetic lines—"Now I lay me down to sleep, &c."

Now I lay me down to die,
And in the grave will I soon lie,
My soul will fly to God above,
Where all is peace and joy and love.

The cares of life will soon be o'er,
My body racked with pain no more;
Sweet seraphs will appear, "come we'll go,
Where there is neither pain nor woe."

My Father calls, why haste I not,
To joys above, the Christian's lot?
Why pause I? when my Saviour cries,
"Haste thee to mansions in the skies."

Oh Father! did I think it would be so,
That when your voice reached me below
"Come put thy house in order, now,
I am prepared to fill my vow."

A servant true, and just you've been,
Your conduct has not passed unseen,
Prepare to meet your God and Lord—
Prepare to receive thy just reward."

To think that now I yet would pause,
Apparently without just cause,
Oh take my wife and children too,
Let all, my Father, go to you.

I pine not for this world of care,
The future neither do I fear,
But let us all together be,
When now thou callest me to thee.

Forgive, oh Father this request,
From one whom thou hast ever bless'd,
Eut those thou gavest in my care,
Without me ne'er would be happy here.

But thou, O God, art just and true,
Whate'er is right, that wilt thou do;
If thou see'st fit, oh let it be,
That wife and children go with me.

Oh! Ask Me Not.

BY S. H. DURAND.

Oh! ask me not for smiles to-night,
I can but only sigh!
Do streams reflect the morn's fair light
When clouds o'erspread the sky?
No, sorrow's cloud is on my brow,
Its shadow on my heart,
And with the gay and joyous now,
I cannot ask a part.

Oh! ask me not for songs to-night!
"There all in vain to try
Can shatter'd bells give forth sweet sounds
Along the balmy sky?
When winter's cold and icy chain,
Hath bound you murmuring stream
It sings not sweetly o'er the plain,
As in the Summers beam.

My thoughts are with the loved and lost—
They're thronging round me now,
And with them come on memory's tide,
Sweet dreams of long ago
That cause my heart to grieve
For hopes of by-gone years;
Then ask not smiles nor songs but leave
Oh! leave me to my tears.

Wit and Humor.

Masculine Innocence.

An old bachelor acquaintance of ours, who had lived over thirty years of single blessedness, plucked up courage, about a year ago, and secured to himself one of the indispensable, troublesome luxuries.

A few weeks since he entered our office, his face all smiles, and looking as happy as a baby just washed.

"Good morning, Tom," we exclaimed.
"Good morning," said Tom, giving our hand a hearty shake.

"You haven't heard the news, have you Dodge?"
"No," we replied, "what is it?"
"I've got a baby!"

"The d-d-deuce you have?"
"Yes, a splendid child! and it's a boy, too!"

"Ah! that's good. Has he just made his appearance, Tom?"
"No, I've had him some time."
"Does he enjoy good health?"

"Y-s, generally; but he hasn't been very well for a day or two, though."
"What do you think ails him?"
"Well, I do no, I thought perhaps his teeth troubled him."

"How old is he, Tom?"
"Most five weeks!"

In a town in Connecticut, a loafer was brought before a justice for being drunk in the street—the fine being one dollar for each offence. The fine was paid, and next day he was arraigned again.

"No you don't Judge, said he; "I know the law—one dollar for each offence—and this is the same old drunk."

A shoemaker with only one eye, complained the other evening that one of his lamps did not burn.

One of his shopmates, who is a genuine son of the Emerald Isle exclaimed:
"Faith, and what do ye want of two lamps, ye have but one eye."

You've destroyed my peace of mind, Betsey," said a despondent lover to a truant lass.
"I can't do much harm, then, John, for it was an amazing small piece you had, any way," was the quick reply.

Agricultural.

From the Southern Cultivator.
Introduction of the Cotton Gin—A Southern Patriarch.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Cotton having become of such vast importance, not only to the producers, but to the world, everything relating to its history is of interest. Therefore, I am induced to give a little information I lately obtained of the great staple, and the rather because you have promised, in a late number of your paper, to lop off the unreadable portions of your correspondence's communications.

Knowing that mine will undergo the pruning of a judicious hand, I feel some security that I shall not thrust before the public an unsightly article. I am well aware that when we are possessed of an idea, so much of a "hobby" that we must write about it, there is danger of becoming prosy.

Besides, we planters are generally unversed to composition, and when we have anything to say, usually take twice the space that you would, who know so well the connection of words. I hope you will strike out any, or every portion of this, if not of sufficient interest to go before the public.

I rode, a few days since, six miles below this place to see my old friend, Thos. Talbot, and his kitchen and barn. Mr. Talbot is eighty three years old, in full possession of his faculties, and is living where he settled sixty-two years ago.

Whitney, the inventor of the cotton gin, settled a plantation adjoining him, on which he placed one of his gins; the first that was used in Wilkes county; perhaps the first in the State. He and his partner, Durkee, erected a gin house, and a large cotton house. The latter to hold the cotton they expected to receive from customers to gin. The gin house was graded, so the visitors might look through, and see the cotton flying from without seeing the gin. He suffered women to go in the gin house and see the machinery, not apprehending that they could betray his secret to builders. Lyon, who lived some eight or ten miles above this place, by dressing himself in woman's clothes, procured admittance, and came out and made his improvement, the saw-gin. Mr. Talbot says, that Billy McFerran, a little Irish blacksmith, who died a few years ago in this county, made the saws, the first that ever were made.

Der-kee, Whitney's partner, being dissipated and inattentive to business, he sold out his place, and the gin and cotton house coming into the possession of Mr. Talbot, he moved them to his place. The former is now his kitchen, and still has its long graded windows, as in the times of Whitney. The cotton house makes a large and commodious barn. Mr. Talbot says that Allison or Ellison, who had been connected with Whitney in business, told him that the latter got his first idea of the invention from a gin used to prepare rags making paper, and which he saw on a wrecked vessel. On the place sold by Whitney, was erected in 1811, a cotton factory, and I presume, the first in the State. The prime mover of the enterprise was a Mr. Bolton of Savannah, a merchant who spent his summers then, in Washington. Mr. Talbot had four shares. The factory had one hundred and sixty spindles, cost \$1,700 and made fifty yards of cloth a day, which sold from 50 cents to one dollar per yard. The weaving was done by hand loom weavers, who were obtained from Long Cain in South Carolina. The factory proved an unprofitable affair.

In this connection it may be interesting to say that during the war of 1812, cotton was hauled from this county to Baltimore and Philadelphia, and the wagons loaded back with goods. Wagons are now living in the county, who used to drive the teams engaged in this service.

I cannot close this communication without a word about my aged and highly respectable friend, in his character of planter. Some of the land now in cultivation by Mr. Talbot, was old when three fourths of Georgia was in the possession of the Indians. Originally of a strong soil, as Wilkes county generally was, Mr. Talbot, by paying some attention to improvement has not only preserved but much improved some of his old lands. But that to which I wish particularly to direct attention, is his regret that he had not commenced hill side ditching long ago, before the creeks and branches had carried off the best of his soil. The walnut, locust and other shade trees in his yard, planted with his own hands, have the appearance of very aged trees. His servants, some of them as old, or older than himself, with their generations of children, grand children, and I do not know how far to go in great-grand-children, give to the white headed citizen the appearance of a patriarch at the head of his tribe. He has had born on his plantation, one hundred and nine children, but has kept no record of death.

GARNET ANDREWS,
Washington, Wilkes Co., Ga.

MISERABLE END.—The Jackson Mississippian, of the 24th ult., says that Franklin L. Plummer died in that city on the Tuesday previous, in great destitution. Mr. Plummer was once a Representative to Congress from Mississippi, a prominent candidate for U. S. Senator, and Judge of the Circuit Court.

From the Soil of the South. Work for the Month.

To the great mass of our readers, and those more especially to whom this portion of our Journal is devoted, we need not now add much to what we have said in our last. This, too is a great cotton picking month, and to this ought your concentrated strength be devoted. The world is in want of your cotton—they must have it—let them have it in good order. Let it be picked in good time, be well ginned and baled, and do this not alone for pecuniary gain, but for your own good name as planters. It is to our interest that we present an article of such quality as shall meet the wants of the manufacturer, for all the varieties of goods in which cotton may enter—thus putting down competition from less favorable countries, as well as from all proposed substitutes. If the weather should be such as not to favor the picking of cotton, the corn will be all the better from being gathered now, before it shall suffer loss.

The latter part of this month some varieties of wheat should be sowed. We ask for this crop better preparation than is usually given. Let the land be well prepared before seeding, and then put in with a scotter plow; or if your land has been very thoroughly plowed, a harrow may be used. We like the harrow, for the smooth level surface which it leaves. Soak your seed in water, in which one pound of blue stone has been dissolved, for ever five bushels of wheat to be sowed, and you will escape the black list.

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State of South Carolina.
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, information has been received at this Department, that an atrocious outrage was committed by a Negro fellow, on the person of a lady of Anderson District, on the 28th of July last, and that the said negro has made his escape. Now be it known that in order that the said negro fellow may be brought to trial, J. H. MEANS, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the State aforesaid, do issue this my Proclamation, offering a reward of Two Hundred Dollars for his delivery to the Jail of Anderson District.

The said Negro is a young fellow, not exceeding 23 or 24 years of age, five feet six or eight inches high, well built, of rather yellowish complexion, converges briskly and sensibly, was well dressed at the time with dark cap and pants, checked shirt, and wore a cap and slippers. He was stranger in the neighborhood, and represented himself as a Brick Mason from a distance, hunting work. He is believed by certain persons who saw him to be a fellow by the name of PAT, or PATERSON, who was taken from Anderson District to Alabama some eight years ago, by one William N. Wyatt, who afterwards sold him to a trader near Columbus, Georgia.

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